

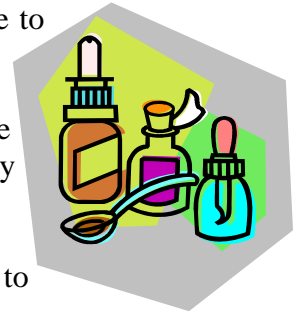


How to Give Liquid Medicine to Your Child

Liquid medicine usually comes in a bottle or container with a child-safe bottle cap. Most liquid medicines comes with a measuring tool such as a spoon, cup, dropper or syringe to help measure the right dose.

It is important to give medicine in the right dose and amount at the right time and in the proper way. Giving too much medicine won't help your child get better. In fact, it may cause overdosing and bad reactions in your child.

This brochure will help you understand and learn how to give liquid medicine correctly to your child.



How Do You Give Liquid Medicine to Your Child?



- Shake the bottle first.
- Always read the label carefully on the container or bottle.
- If you don't understand the label or are not sure how to give the medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist for help.
- Only use the spoon, cup, dropper or syringe that comes with the medicine.
- Make sure you give the exact amount needed for your child.
- Always wash the measuring tools with warm soapy water and rinse well after each use.

More Tips on Taking Medicine the Proper Way

- Always check the expiration date on the medicine bottle before giving it to your child.
- Store medicines in their original containers.
- Ask your child's doctor if medicine should be taken with food or on an empty stomach.
- Ask your doctor first before increasing or decreasing the amount of medicine to give to your child.
- Store medicine at room temperature away from moisture and heat. Read the label carefully to see if it needs to be refrigerated.
- Do not use a child's prescription medicine for another child.
- Do not use kitchen tablespoons or teaspoons to give medicine because they are usually not the right size.
- Keep the medicine bottle cap tightly closed and put in a cabinet that your child cannot reach.
- Be sure the medicine that you give to your child is right for his or her weight and age.
- Check with your doctor or pharmacist about giving medicine if your child is under 2 years old.



In case of an emergency, be sure to post the Poison Control phone number in your home. The New York Regional Poison Control Center number is 1-800-222-1222